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For : WELDING MACHINE

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Dear Sir:

**FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

A-1 through A-19 are photographs of a prior art STS Welding Machine and A-20 through A-25 are engineering drawings of the prior art STS Welding Machine. The STS Welding Machine, shown in A-1 through A-25, welded two components to a cylindrical workpiece.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS** (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Prior art STS Welding Machine, A-1 through A-25, 25 pages.

EXAMINER

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**EXAMINER:** Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

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